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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 153

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SGEN, CG
SUBJECT: RUMORED IMPENDING SEIZURE CATHOLIC CHURCH PROPERTY

1. LOCAL CATHOLIC HIERARCHY PERSUADED THAT TOP ZIARE POLITICAL AUTHORITIES MEETING TOMORROW IN KINSHASA WILL ANNOUNCE DECREE NATIONALIZING ALL CHURCH PROPERTY IN ZAIRE, INCLUDING REAL ESTATE, OTHER PHYSICAL ASSETS AND BANK ACCOUNTS.

2. APPARENTLY HOPING FOR FRIENDLY FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS VIS- A-VIS GOZ, ARCHBISHOP HOPKA BANGA HAS HAD KEY FOREIGN CONSULS ADVISED TO FOREGOING EFFECT. HE IS LETTING BE KNOWN HIS OPINION THAT CHURCHS REACTION TO SUCH DECREE WOULD BE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS PERSONNELFROM ALL SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, ETC. IN MEANTIME, HE IS EVACUATING KEY DOCUMENTS AND FILES FROM HIS OFFICE AND RESIDENCE.

3. UNKNOWN WHETHER NON- CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ASSETS WOULD BE AFFECTED.
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